Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Monday 09 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Tuesday 10 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 09 Oct 2023 at 02:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a drier, brighter day on Monday with lighter winds, then a change to colder, windy, showery conditions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Headline for Monday 09 Oct 2023: Mostly dry and becoming brighter. Winds strengthening by evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Monday 09 Oct 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG				
Fog	Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain
Precipitation probability					
20%	10%	10%	10%	10%	20%

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Weather: Cloudy at first on Monday with patchy, mainly light rain. Becoming drier and brighter in the morning with clouds breaking to give some bright or sunny spells, but far western ranges likely to stay cloudy with a little rain or drizzle at times. Thickening cloud will bring rain to Glencoe and Lochaber later in the day.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% improving 70% by afternoon, reducing 50% during evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Misty at first with extensive fog above about 400 to 500m. This will lift up the hills and breaking up later in the morning with mostly good visibility beneath the cloud, but far western ranges likely to keep a good deal of cloud above 500 or 600m and there will be a canopy of higher level cloud above many of the summits. Visibility will become poor later in the day over hills near to West Coast.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	21/24 W	19/23 SW	22/27 SW	26/32 S	25/30 S	30/36 S	32/41 SW
900	12/15 W	10/13 SW	13/17 SW	14/18 SW	14/19 S	19/26 S	22/31 SW
600	12/14 SW	9/12 SW	14/19 SW	15/20 SW	14/18 S	22/28 S	28/37 SW
300	5/8 W	5/7 SW	8/11 SW	8/12 SW	8/11 S	10/16 S	16/26 SW
Glen	6/12 W	3/6 W	4/8 SW	7/13 SW	7/14 S	7/16 S	14/27 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	6/1	5/0	5/0	6/1	7/3	8/4	8/3
900	8/5	8/5	9/6	9/6	9/6	10/6	10/6
600	9/7	9/6	9/6	10/7	11/9	11/8	12/7
300	11/10	11/10	11/10	12/10	13/12	13/12	13/10
Glen	12/11	13/12	14/13	14/12	13/12	14/13	14/12
Freezing Level*	2000m	2200m	2500m	3100m	3100m	2600m	2600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A lot of mist and low cloud at first, then a window of fine walking conditions, before they become difficult from Tuesday onwards.

Forecast for Tuesday 10 Oct 2023
Weather: Cloudy with rain soon becoming persistent and heavier over west Argyll and Lochaber, extending eastwards to most ranges during the morning. Drier, clearer weather will follow through the evening.

Maximum wind: Strong southwest winds, average speeds 25 to 35mph with gusts 45mph on the tops. Winds becoming westerly during afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40%, best over Trossachs.

Low Cloud and visibility: Often misty in west of area with poor visibility as rain becomes heavier. Also extensive cloud cover above about 600 to 700m with patches forming lower down. These poorer conditions extending eastwards during the morning. Conditions improving again later in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 Celsius rising to 15 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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